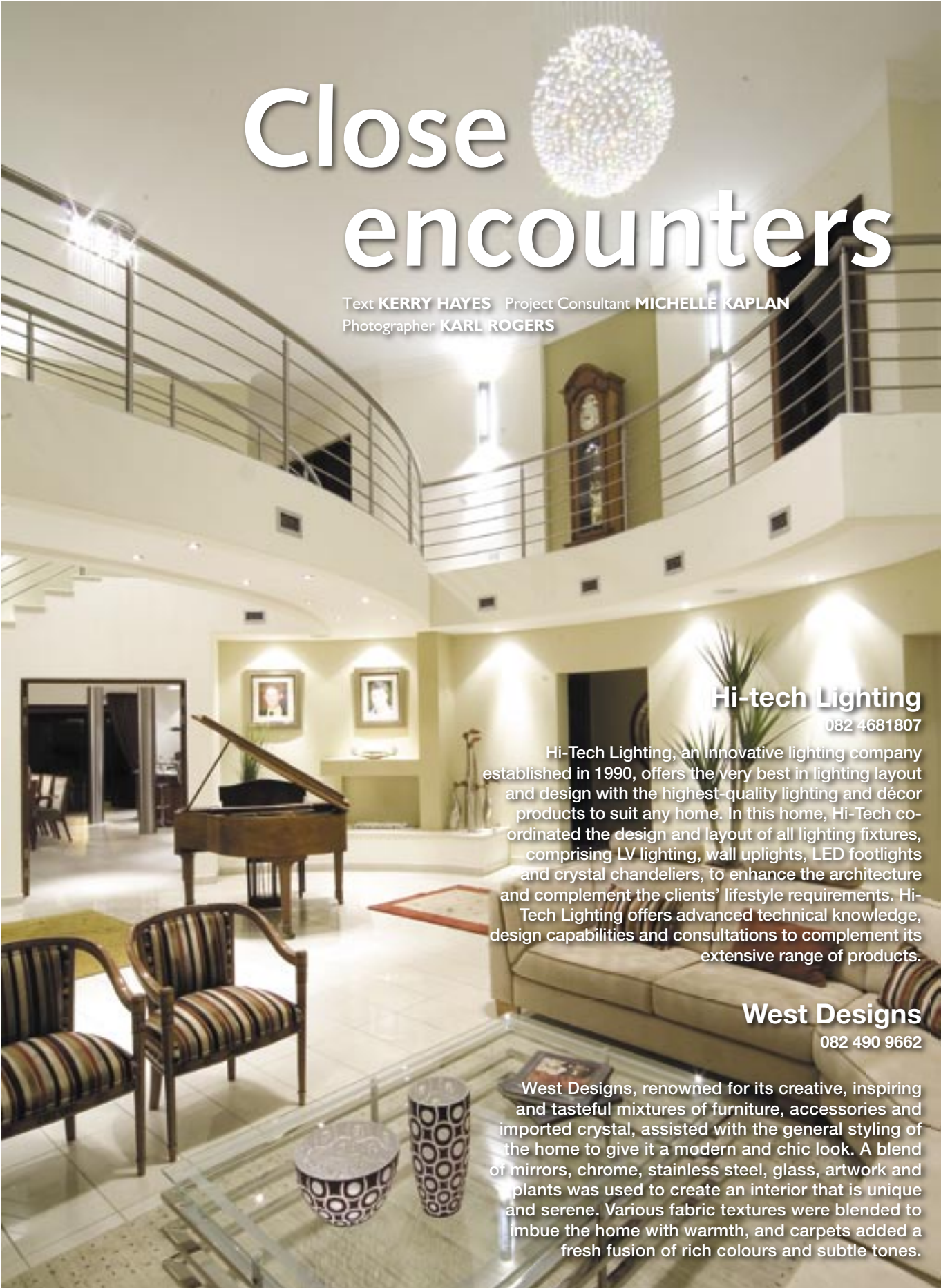




Close encounters

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Hi-tech Lighting

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Hi-Tech Lighting, an innovative lighting company established in 1990, offers the very best in lighting layout and design with the highest-quality lighting and décor products to suit any home. In this home, Hi-Tech co-ordinated the design and layout of all lighting fixtures, comprising LV lighting, wall uplights, LED footlights and crystal chandeliers, to enhance the architecture and complement the clients' lifestyle requirements. Hi-Tech Lighting offers advanced technical knowledge, design capabilities and consultations to complement its extensive range of products.

West Designs

082 490 9662

West Designs, renowned for its creative, inspiring and tasteful mixtures of furniture, accessories and imported crystal, assisted with the general styling of the home to give it a modern and chic look. A blend of mirrors, chrome, stainless steel, glass, artwork and plants was used to create an interior that is unique and serene. Various fabric textures were blended to imbue the home with warmth, and carpets added a fresh fusion of rich colours and subtle tones.



SUMMER SUN 012 653 6551

ABOVE: Beautiful, inspiring and functional - a sleek automated pool cover that seems to rise from the ground and slide gracefully over the pool in less than a minute, at the touch of a button. Brought to South Africa by automated pool cover pioneer, Summer Sun, this striking creation is the epitome of functionality, safety and cleaning efficiency. 70% chemical usage reduction, minimal evaporation and exceptional dirt prevention are ensconced in a choice of nine standard colours or customisable options. A lifetime guarantee and 24-hour service make this the product of choice for home owners of distinction.

EVERY HOME HAS its own special features which make it individual and reflect the personalities of the owners. However, this stunning contemporary manor stands out from first sight and doesn't cease to inspire with its bold, rounded curves and exquisite décor throughout.

On embarking on the design of the home, the owners wished to create a place that brought the best of the "holiday feel" into a warm and comfortable home environment. This wonderful element was captured in the serenity of the home, which embraces a contemporary and minimalist presence.

The owners wished for a home where they could entertain and never be lonely, which was achieved through an open-plan setting. Every room was built adjacent to the entrance/lounge, which encouraged spaciousness and a feeling

of closeness, enhanced by the round walls.

Each room was designed for a specific purpose, which allowed every part of the house to be used and lived in. However, privacy was extremely important, and en-suite bathrooms were incorporated into every bedroom.

When approaching the décor and furnishing of the home, the owners explain: "While designing the plans, we knew what certain rooms should look like and ordered the furniture for the guest suites, sound room and dining room then." In the guest suite, the owners wanted to create a hotel atmosphere, where guests could luxuriate in the beautiful room, feel pampered and yet still feel at home. An en-suite bathroom and sliding doors leading onto a patio added a private and intimate element to the suite. In the dining room, a new table

OPPOSITE PAGE ABOVE: Thelher Construction was responsible for the complete construction process, including tiling, roofing and paving. The home comprises a unique design, encompassing curved shapes, huge windows, strong vertical columns, and a double-volume entrance hall leading to a solid wood kitchen, state-of-the-art bathrooms, as well as a full squash court. This challenging project was approached by Thelher Construction with professionalism and expertise gained from years of experience in the industry.

OPPOSITE PAGE BELOW: This beautiful home was designed by accomplished architectural professionals, AIF Design Architects. Using a brief from the home owner that requested something unique, the architect transformed the conventional idea of a porte-cochere into a stunning contemporary creation. Tapered columns slant inwards, bound together with high-level ring beams to create sophisticated length and presence. Columns were cast using custom-made steel shuttering anchored deep underground, with a total of 320m³ of concrete being used to create this stunning feature.



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AIF DESIGN 012 653 6644





DANVON LANDSCAPES 082 555 4512

LEFT: Established in 1969, Danvon Landscapes offers a wealth of skills and experience in all facets of landscaping. In this home, the company was responsible for the pool construction, spa jets, solar heating and all paving. Danvon Landscapes offers vast landscaping expertise and advice, including irrigation, water features, koi ponds, estate development, cladding, and the supply of large trees and palms, among other services.

BELOW LEFT: Multibraai supplied and installed this custom-designed stainless steel fitter frame and extraction system. The No. 3 Drop In Without Oven features unique top grills that allow cooking with or without flames. Various optional extras are available, including spits, grilling plates and domes, all of which come with a five-year guarantee. Multibraai has 30 years' experience in the manufacture of stainless steel gas braais.

BELOW; This powerful Beam Central Vacuum System from Electrolux consists of ports throughout the entire home, a vacpan in the kitchen and car-cleaning point. The system was installed and supplied by Eco Lifestyles - professionals in convenient, healthy household products. It removes 100% of dirt and allergy-causing particles. All systems come with a conditional lifetime guarantee on the motor and ducting system.

was bought after designing the bar and kitchen, to create thematic consistency throughout the interleading rooms, and a beautiful lounge suite was purchased for the sound room.

All of this happened before moving into the home, and on moving in the owners

discovered that certain items of furniture brought with them from their previous home did not quite match with the modern pieces, and the lounge suite bought for the sound room was not comfortable enough to enjoy the home cinema. Thus "the experts" were brought in.

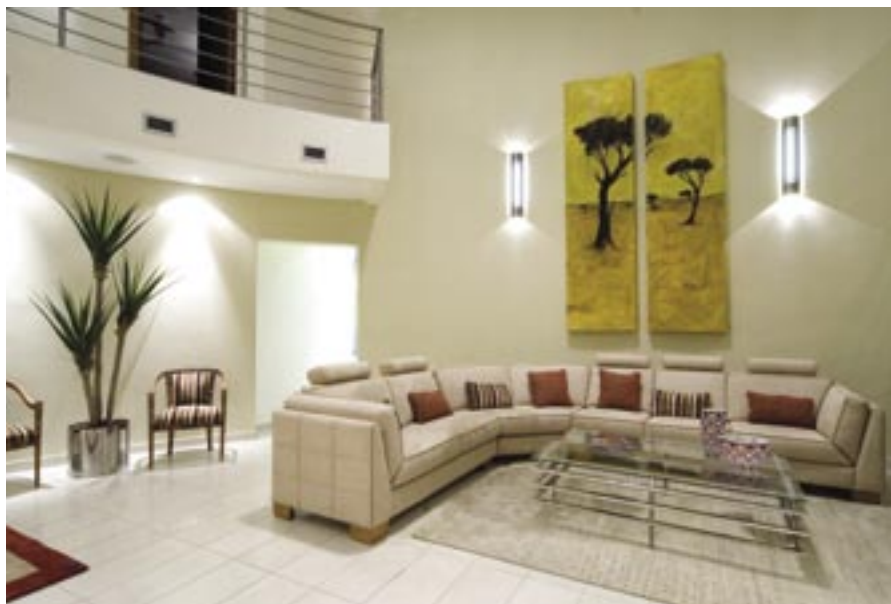
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BEAM CENTRAL VACUUM SYSTEM 086 111 5206



RIGHT: Premier framing and art consultancy, Studio Gesso, sourced the artwork for the main house, bedrooms and home theatre lounge. Calling on renowned local artists Riaan van Zyl and Karl Gustav, Studio Gesso included beautiful artworks that complemented the interior and the personalities of the home owners. Oversized diptychs, charcoal sketches and oil on canvas were included to complete the composition.



STUDIO GESSO ART AND FRAMING 083 414 0124

Mike Prinsloo from West Design swept in and promptly took the owners shopping to equip the home with complementary furnishings and décor. Emphasis was kept on comfort and a flowing theme throughout the home, and art specialist, Johan Strauss from Gesso Designs assisted the owners in a striking selection of art pieces to add character to the home.

The owners believe that each room is special and infused with serenity. However, they do have a few very special items in their home that stand out above the rest. "The memorabilia that we had framed of our late son has been placed in a special corner in the dining room, and we bought a piano, originally for décor purposes, only to discover that our other son has a natural talent. He is now taking piano lessons."



HOME FREQUENCY 082 549 9299

CIVIC AUTOMATION SYSTEMS 086 110 0215



ABOVE: An expert in full turnkey system installation, Home Frequency conducted the planning, design, layout, supply and installation of the cinema and distributed audio and video system, including the television system and the flat-screen televisions. A Russound distributed audio and video system was installed with Polk audio and an Onkyo home theatre system. A JVC professional projector was used in the cinema.

LEFT: Civic Automation Systems designed and installed a full CBUS home automation system with two touch screens and intelligent control panels, which include movement detection, that turn the house into a smart home. This provides an enhanced lifestyle of convenience, comfort and security, ensuring that owners love coming home more than ever.



As every home has its unique features, so does every home have its tales of happiness or building woes. Of this home, the owners can only smile, saying that contractors, installers and decorators were wonderful and became friends to them. This made a project as big as this a memorable experience and restored their faith in the building industry.

On the more humorous side, the owners recall how a handful of people, while not falling down the stairs, certainly did lose

RIGHT: Bakos Brothers, a trend-setter for aspirational South African homes, has 31 years' experience behind its style, flair and capabilities in design and decor. In this home, the company supplied the exquisite Livingstone dining room, complete with hand-crafted African Rosewood dining table. With the Bakos Brothers ethos being "service is the heart of our business", the company promises only the best personal service and an exceptional array of products to choose from.

BELOW: This state-of-the-art training equipment was designed and supplied by Genesis Fitness, one of the largest manufacturers and distributors of strength and cardio-vascular training equipment in South Africa. Genesis Fitness is focused on dynamic innovation, creating products that offer aesthetic appeal while incorporating high-tech technology. Aimed at users who are motivated to obtain a slimmer body, a healthier heart, stress management, or for people who simply enjoy exercise, Genesis Fitness products meet only the most stringent of international quality and safety standards.

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BAKOS BROTHERS 011 325 2400





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their footing while admiring the chandeliers. "The walkway to the studio was also without rails for a while, and it was funny to see people (including ourselves) who have a fear of heights walking over it," they recall.

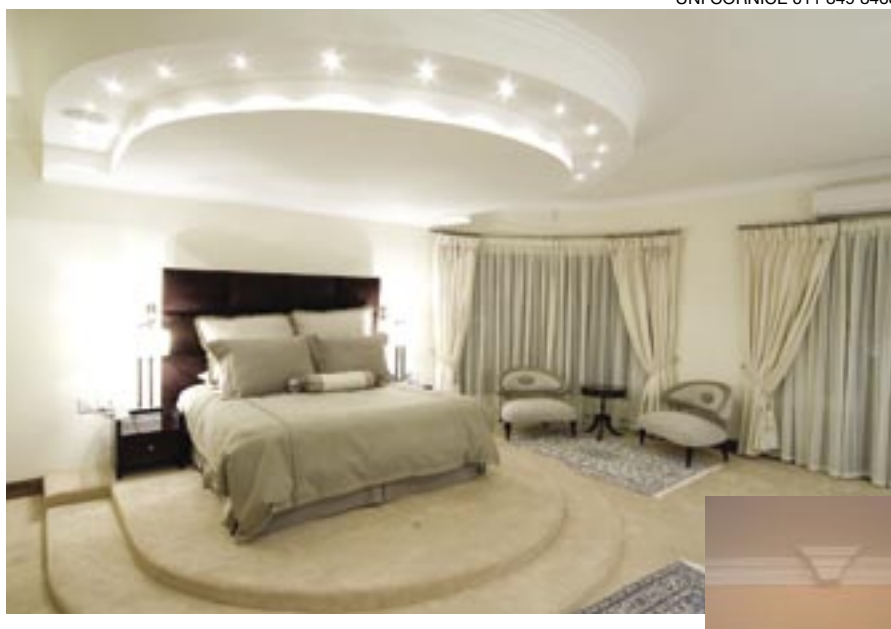
There was also a story that will immortalise the water feature, which the owners are happy to say turned out for the best. "We saw the water feature in an English magazine, and when we were in London, we went and bought it. Not knowing all the details of the red tape surrounding import (thinking that it will be as easy as arriving through the post), we developed grey hairs with all the extra formalities and effort of appointing an import agent and paying the additional unknown

ABOVE: EasyLife Kitchens Randburg worked closely with the home owner to create this kitchen, designed around two prominent stainless steel pillars. The cabinets are a combination of semi-solid Rosewood and Ivory Juperana granite, complemented by stainless steel bar handles, appliances and aluminium kickplates. This endowed the kitchen with a modern feel while still retaining the classic essence.

Masons Appliances, a provider of premium-range appliances and audiovisual equipment, supplied AEG and Samsung appliances for the kitchen, including the top-of-the-range oven, fridge and microwave. Masons also supplies items such as dishwashers, washing machines and tumble dryers. In the cinema, Masons supplied the high-tech Samsung state-of-the art LCD TV, but also stocks top branded products such as Sony, LG and Panasonic, among others.

UNI CORNICE 011 849 8468

RIGHT: Uni Cornice adds a touch of style to one's home with a broad array of cornicing and related products. Using "Virgin" grade flame retardant Polystyrene, following the European trend where 90% of cornices are created from Polystyrene, Uni Cornice offers a fantastic selection from a variety of ranges including Modern, Victoriana, De Mar and Dreams.



ABOVE RIGHT: Imported Italian porcelain tiles from San Marco Tile Centre's Le Pietre Di Samarcanda range are available in two finishes: natural and rectified, both matt. The range is available in seven sizes and four inviting colours. These soft colours harmonise with each other, allowing one to be creative with décor, to create a modern flow with a touch of freshness.

BELOW RIGHT: A&G Flooring furnished this home with beautiful carpets. Nouwens Berkley carpets in the colour Byron were used in the main bedroom, with the gym carpeted in Nouwens Madison Square in the colour Oscar. The television room was carpeted in Van Dyck Petit Point Peach, with the guest room featuring Nouwens Lincoln Habitat carpets.

import duties. Now, however, with it standing in front of the house, capturing the images of sun and plants, it was a good decision after all," they smile.

All said and done, this beautiful home, built in an estate offering upmarket, secure and friendly living style as well as privacy from neighbours, was a project lovingly created and experienced by both husband and wife, who shared all ideas and searched for items together so that they would both be happy with them. The result, say the owners: "Two happy people who are content with what we have achieved." 🏡

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GEBERIT SOUTHERN AFRICA 011 444 5070

ABOVE: A bathroom is a special, exclusive space in one's home where solitude and privacy can be found. This is the belief of Geberit, who supplied and installed the Geberit Concealed Cistern with the dual flush Samba Actuator in chrome. Geberit assists home owners in optimising bathroom space, by offering Geberit sanitary installation systems to provide unlimited opportunities to be creative in the bathroom.

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